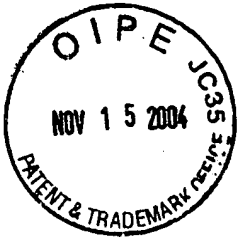


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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

A response to the Office Action dated June 16, 2004 was due by September 16, 2004. A Petition for Extension of Time (two months, large entity) is enclosed, extending the date to November 16, 2004. Therefore, please accept this Amendment as timely filed and fully responsive.

Kindly amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

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